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SUBJECT Frontier Guards (Graniceri)

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5. Curfew begins in this zone the moment it is dark. Soldiers make the rounds to see that it is observed, and officers check on the soldiers. Patrols are also kept moving at a distance of one to two kilometers behind the border line, according to the terrain.
6. During the summer, defensive bunkers have been constructed in such a way that the Yugoslavs cannot look across the border and see them. There is a control post on the Danube, every two hundred meters. No one is allowed to walk along the river banks.
7. The 9th Graniceri Regiment is located to the south of Turnu-Severin. There is a detachment of Graniceri in a solidly built house in a place called Hinova, opposite Ostrovul-Corbului (Corbului Island). This post is in charge of kilometers 911 to 916, on the Danube.
8. The controls on land are still more severe. Points where passage is permitted are cultivated, so as to show any unauthorized footprints. Triple barbed wire entanglements are an additional protection. Then there are three patrol routes which cross and recross each other at regular intervals. At night the Graniceri use watch dogs. Prizes are given to any Graniceri who catch either fugitives trying to get out, or spies trying to get in.
9. The 4th Graniceri Regiment is stationed at Timișoara. The commanding officer here is Major Someșanu. The political officer is Captain Comsa. The executive officer is Captain Dumitrescu.
10. The 3rd Graniceri Regiment is stationed at Oravita. It has a strength of three battalions. Platoons have a strength of between 60 and 70 men. Each platoon patrols for a distance of five kilometers. Source, who is not a soldier, makes no mention of company organization and adds the curious statement that "each battalion is composed of platoons."
11. The Graniceri training camp is at Lugoj, in the Banat. This is both a political and military training center. There is another training center at Rădăuți, north of Moldova. It is towards the south, along the road to Suceava, opposite the recruiting center. All training centers, whether military or political, come directly under the troop command of the Graniceri. The commander at present is Colonel Mihail Boicu, who replaced General Pantelimon Comichel.

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